

OKLAHOMA
DEMOCRATSState Constitution Accepted
By Big Majority.

STATE ALSO PROHIBITION.

The Democratic State Ticket Was Headed
by C. N. Haskell, and Was
Elected Over the Republican
Ticket.

Oldahoma City, Sept. 18.—Returns from the larger cities and counties of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, up to midnight, indicate that the constitution of the proposed new state has been adopted by a large majority; that the prohibition clause of the constitution, which was voted on separately, has also been ratified, and that the Democratic state ticket, headed by C. N. Haskell for governor, has been elected over the Republican ticket, headed by Frank Frantz, the present territorial governor of Oklahoma.

The voting was heavy. Several days will elapse before complete returns are in.

B. S. McGuire, Republican, is probably elected congressman from the first district, and Frank Hubbard, Republican, from the third district.

SHOOT GIRL AND
TURNS GUN ON SELFLieut. Hoffman, Mad With Jealousy,
Attempts Life of Girl, Who Knocks
Revolver From His Hand.

New York, Sept. 18.—Mad with jealousy of the girl for whom he had given up a military career, his country and wife, Lieutenant Julius Hoffman, late of the Austro-Hungarian army, early today shot Miss Draga Siegel, his former colonel's daughter and heiress to \$100,000, then turned the weapon upon himself, only to have it dashed from his hand by the dying woman. Miss Siegel who is lying at the Bellevue hospital, moans: "I loved Julius but he wouldn't believe me." Hoffman is at the police station behaving like a raving maniac. He is being held in a room at the Bellevue hospital. Hoffman is a native of Hungary, and is now in the service of the United States army.

WINS A WORLD'S RECORD.

Sonoma Girl of Trotted Fastest Mile of
Year at Columbus.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 18.—Heavy rain broke up yesterday's grand circuit races after four heats had been decided and a start made on a sensational program.

Sonoma Girl and High Ball, both with manners nearly perfect, got together in the hotel Columbus \$10,000 stake and the California mare, when she won by half a length from the Goers 5 to 2 favorite, got a record of 2:06 3/4. This is the fastest trotting race mile of the year, a world's record for a green trotter, and takes three seconds off the record for the stake.

PARTIES IN A DEADLOCK.

Milk Producers Discussed Prices in Boston
Last Night.

Boston, Sept. 18.—A conference between the officials of the Boston Cooperative Milk Producers' company and representatives of the milk contractors over the prices to be paid for the producers for milk the coming winter, which opened at the American house early yesterday afternoon, was adjourned at a late hour last night, the parties being in a deadlock. The farmers refused to accept less than 40 cents per can. The contractors are understood to have offered from 35 to 37 cents. Any higher price paid the producers, the contractors claimed, would necessitate charging 10 cents per quart for milk.

MACHINE MEN BEATEN.

The Merritt-Wadsworth Candidates Loss
in Niagara Country.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 18.—A special to the Express from Lockport says: The organization Republicans, otherwise the Merritt-Wadsworth men, who have dominated Niagara county politically for many years, were defeated throughout the county yesterday in the primaries held to name delegates to the county convention next Friday. Representative Peter A. Porter, Postmaster Roberts of Lockport, and Frank H. Bredell and others formed a combination which assured the re-nomination of Chas. Hickey as county judge. Of the 132 delegates in the county, Hickey has 74, Stockwell, the organization candidate, 49, and nine are doubtful.

PROTOCOL IS SIGNED.

Central American Republics Will Negotiate
a Treaty for Peace.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 18.—A protocol was signed at the state department yesterday by the diplomatic representatives of the five Central American republics accepting the invitation of United States and Mexico to meet here at an early date to negotiate an agreement providing for permanent peace between the countries represented. The protocol was signed in the presence of Acting Secretary Aides, of the state department, and Minister Godoy, charge d'affaires of the Mexican embassy.

PROFITS \$490,315,934
IN EIGHT YEARSEnormous Earnings of the Standard Oil
Company Revealed in the Testi-
mony of Assistant Comptroller
Fay.

New York, Sept. 18.—Assistant Comptroller Fay of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey testified yesterday in the opening of the greatest legal battle against a trust in the history of the country, that the profits of the company for the eight years from 1899 to 1907, inclusive, amounted to the stupendous total of \$490,315,934.

Delving into the financial workings of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, the holding company of all the subsidiary organizations of the so-called oil trust, Frank B. Kellogg, conducting the federal suit for the dissolution of the company, on the ground that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade, brought forth yesterday to public view for the first time the enormous profits made by the giant corporation.

During the eight years that the company was shown to have earned the total profits of \$490,315,934, at the rate of more than \$61,000,000 a year, it distributed to its shareholders \$308,359,403.

While the company was earning the vast sums in the refining of oil, the statements adduced at the hearing yesterday show that between 1899 and 1907 the assets of the company grew by leaps and bounds from \$200,791,523 to \$371,604,531. The capital stock is \$28,338,382.

DIVIDENDS EXCEEDED CAPITAL.

Great Profits to Companies Making Up
the Standard Oil.

New York, Sept. 18.—Clarence G. Fay, assistant controller of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, brought to court today several books containing the records of Standard Oil trustships, those trustships existing between 1892 and 1902 being the main object of attack by the counsel for the government. In the present state of prosecution the government is making the light to discover just how the trustship was developed into the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, and how the stock in the present concern was apportioned among those who pooled their holdings in various companies forming the trustship.

BOTH ARE DYING.

Frank Moulton, Just from Insane Asylum,
Beat Wife With Hammer.

New York, Sept. 18.—Following his discharge from the psychiatric ward at Bellevue hospital yesterday, Frank Moulton, 43 years old, once a prosperous real estate promoter, murdered his wife, Della, aged 22, and frightfully injured himself. Both are said to be dying.

With the cunning of a madman, Moulton impressed his wife with such apparent sanity that she took him from Bellevue to their home. Then, when she had fallen asleep, he beat her senseless with a hammer and slashed her with a razor, with which he also cut himself.

Other occupants of the apartment in which the Moultons live on West 34th street heard groans from the Moulton's apartment and a policeman who forced an entrance found the husband armed with a razor and wet with blood, stooping over the prostrate form of his wife. Moulton showed fight, and before he fell exhausted from the loss of blood, he had gnashed both his wrists and his neck. From appearances, Mrs. Moulton had been attacked while asleep on her bed. Her head had been crushed by hammer blows, while the razor had been drawn six times across her face.

DID NOT ORDER COCKTAILS.

Sec. Loeb Defends Himself and The
President in Fairbanks Scrape.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 18.—Because of the widespread publicity given to the statement of Bishop Berry of Detroit that either President Roosevelt or Secretary Loeb and not Mr. Fairbanks were responsible for the cocktails served at the luncheon tendered them by the vice-president at Indianapolis, Secretary Loeb yesterday issued the following formal statement in denial.

SUNDERLIN MAY DIE.

Well Known Driver Badly Hurt at Steu-
benville, Ohio.

Steubenville, O., Sept. 18.—In a collision between drivers and horses at the race track here yesterday afternoon, E. A. Sunderlin, a well-known driver, was hurt, probably fatally. When the accident occurred, Sunderlin was driven to the ground and his horse fell upon him.

Sunderlin, whose home is at Lebanon, N. H., was to have driven Angus Pointer in the grand circuit meet now going on at Columbus.

DEAD NUMBER
ONE HUNDREDJapanese Passenger Steam-
ship Burns

MANY ARE MISSING

And Most of the Crew and Passengers
Are Probably Dead—The Num-
ber Is Estimated at One
Hundred.

London, Sept. 18.—A Shanghai dispatch to Lloyds says the Japanese passenger steamship Taifu Maru is burning at Ching Kinga. Many of the crew and passengers are missing, and most of them are probably dead. The number of the dead is estimated at one hundred.

CANNOT PLACE
THE RESPONSIBILITYGeneral Manager Barr of the Boston &
Maine Says Discrepancy in
Train Orders Is Not
Explained.

Concord, N. H., Sept. 18.—In a statement issued here yesterday afternoon, General Manager Barr of the Boston & Maine railroad states that the records show that the order sent out from Concord Sunday morning regarding the running time of the Quebec express, which was wrecked near West Canaan, with great loss of life, referred to train No. 34, as sent from here, and is so recorded as received at White River Junction, but is recorded at Canaan as referring to train No. 30. Mr. Barr says that the reason for this discrepancy "is not satisfactorily explained, either by the records or other evidence thus far secured."

The statement does not place the blame for the disaster on any individual.

The investigation begun by the railroad authorities Monday was completed in this city yesterday.

The authorities of Grafton county and the New Hampshire railroad commission are awaiting the result of the railroad company's investigation before taking any official action. All evidence collected by the railroad will be turned over by the railroad to the state and county authorities at once. Superintendent Ray said yesterday the road would welcome a most prompt and thorough official investigation.

State Inquiry Next.

Concord, N. H., Sept. 18.—The Board of Railroad Commissioners today announced that the Boston & Maine wreck of last Sunday would be investigated by a state inquiry beginning here Sept. 24.

GUY TARDY HELD
FOR SHOOTING TWOOscar and Stephen Downing, Aged 17
and 13, Shot in the Maine
Woods.

Limestone, Me., Sept. 18.—Guy Tardy, charged with the murder of Oscar and Stephen Downing, aged 17 and 13, is held for the grand jury today. The police say the boys quarreled over a trivial matter while hunting and Tardy shot Stephen through the head, killing him instantly. Oscar tried to escape, but was shot through the back. Tardy admits the quarrel, but says he cannot remember anything about the shooting.

TWO BOYS SLAIN.

Shot While Hunting Near Limestone,
Maine.

Caribou, Me., Sept. 18.—Two brothers, Guy and Oscar Downing, aged 16 and 13, were shot and instantly killed in the woods yesterday afternoon a mile and a half from Limestone village.

County Attorney Holmes has sent officers from here to arrest Guy Tardy, aged 17, charged with doing the shooting.

The two brothers left home early in the afternoon in search of partridges. They had been in the woods but a short time when they met young Tardy, who ordered them to leave that territory. A dispute followed, but no trouble occurred then. The Downings left.

In about half an hour they again met Tardy, who was accompanied at this time by his cousin, of the same name. The quarrel was resumed, and Tardy is reported to have fired at them twice with a double-barrel shotgun, killing each of the boys instantly.

After the shooting Tardy and his cousin returned to Limestone, where they were formally arrested, but they are closely guarded.

First Car For Belmont Tube.

New York, Sept. 18.—The passenger car which is to begin the under-ground traffic between Manhattan and Queensborough has been lowered into the north tube of the Belmont tunnel. A big crowd at the Long Island City terminal cheered when the car moved off. It was announced that the car would not be run through the tube for several days, although it is possible that if the power can be applied the car will make a test trip today or tomorrow.

ORGANIZE TO FIGHT
PARCELS POST LAWBennington County Merchants Form
Branch of The State
Association.

Bennington, Sept. 18.—By the organization yesterday afternoon of the merchants of Bennington county into a branch of the Retail Merchants' association of Vermont the organization of the state by counties was completed.

E. E. Hart of Bennington was elected president and Edmund Lafranchise secretary, and the following county committee was selected:

Bennington, E. E. Hart; North Bennington, A. S. Hathaway; Woodford, S. C. Smith; Pownall, F. E. Lewis; Pownal Center, C. H. Myers; North Pownal, S. L. Smith & Son; Manchester, C. O. McGuire; Manchester Depot, A. H. Pet-
grave; Dorset, G. M. Sykes; South Dorset, W. F. McDevitt; Arlington, Adams & Haywood; East Arlington, E. E. Buck; Peru, M. J. Haggood; Read-
boro, H. T. Goodell; Bondville, E. S. Johnson.

Following the organization, Elsie Winter, New England organizer, outlined the purpose of the organization, among which are the amendments of the national bankruptcy law, the restriction of the catalogue houses in the use of the mails, but primarily to oppose in every possible way the enactment of a parcels post law along the lines recently proposed by Postmaster General Myers, which would admit of sending through the mails of packages weighing 11 pounds for 25 cents.

Vermont, said Mr. Winter, is the first state to be completely organized by counties and the work has been accomplished in six months. The National association now has 2,000 local organizations in 39 states, with a membership of 75,000.

The first national meeting is to be held in Boston, May 11, 1908, but a New England gathering will be held in this city October 7.

FIVE CENTRAL EMPLOYEES
CONFESS TO THEFTArrested at St. Albans, Charged With
the Systematic Theft of the Com-
pany's Property.

St. Albans, Sept. 18.—A scheme of systematic theft from the Central Vermont Railway company similar to the thefts of brass unearthed last spring, has just been brought to light, and five employees of the company were arrested today. They are Joseph Gosselin, William Decor, Jeremiah Boscawen, Edward English and James Eaton. They admitted their guilt. Other arrests are expected to follow. The property taken included tools, numbers, brick, bees racks, etc. The arrests were secured through detectives who worked as railroad employees.

ARM CRUSHED IN FALL.

Dr. Stewart Hurt on Lake Steamer at
Burlington.

Burlington, Sept. 18.—Dr. Charles E. Stewart of Westminster, guest of President and Mrs. L. S. Loeb of the Delaware & Hudson Canal company, met with a serious accident here yesterday and is now in the Mary Fletcher hospital.

Mr. Loree, Mr. Stewart, Vice-President C. S. Sims and party arrived in this city yesterday morning by steamer Ticonderoga from Rouses Point on a tour of inspection of the system. Just as the boat was making the landing Mr. Stewart missed his foot on the stairway to the hurricane deck and fell. He struck against the rail and sustained a dislocated shoulder and compound fracture of the humerus. The bones being crushed together at the shoulder in such a manner as to injure the nerves and arteries at that point. He was taken to the hospital and attended by Dr. Hawley.

He is said by the surgeon to be resting comfortably, although the injury is serious, but not one.

The other members of the party remained here for luncheon and left early in the afternoon by special steamer for Bluff Point, where they will continue their tour by rail.

MELLEN OUT OF MERGER PLAN.

Unwise, He Says, to Attempt Junction
With the Boston & Maine.

Boston, Sept. 18.—The Advertiser says today:

"Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, has informed the business men connected with three large associations in Boston that he has renounced the conclusion that it would be unwise for him to take any further steps towards any merger of the Boston and Maine with his road, in the present stage of public opinion."

"President Mellen also states that in view of the plain opposition shown so widely to the merger, he will take no action to press the plan upon Massachusetts. Nor will he ever press the subject hereafter unless there are proofs that this opposition has disappeared."

PRIEST FOUND GUILTY.

He Killed The Starynski Brothers—
Claims He Was Drunk.

Pittsburg, Sept. 18.—The jury in the trial of Ludwig Szcygogel, the Roman Catholic priest from Chicago, charged with the murder of Andrew and Stephen Starynski, brothers, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree last night. The priest testified yesterday that he supposed it was correct that he had killed the brothers but that it was done in self defense and that he was drunk at the time.

He admitted that Francesco Sprow, his housekeeper, who was in the house when the double murder was committed had accompanied him to this city from Chicago. It developed that the housekeeper occupied the same room with one of the Starynski brothers.

6,000 AT DOG
RIVER FAIRAttendance Largest in History
of Association

FOR THE SECOND DAY

County Court Adjourns to Allow All
Who Wish to Attend—The Races
Being Run This Af-
ternoon.

Northfield, Sept. 18.—The attendance today at the Northfield Agricultural association's fair, which opened yesterday, promised at noon to be the largest that ever attended a second of a fair in the history of the association. Between 5,000 and 6,000 were present up to noon and hundreds more were being dropped off at the grounds from all the trains from both north and south.

At 10 o'clock the cavalcade of horses, colts and oxen for premiums was held, and at 10:30 the judging of the brood mares and colts was started. At 11 o'clock the 18 class stallions were exhibited, and also the three and four-year-old colts.

There is a very large exhibit of cattle, horses, sheep and swine.

At one this afternoon the racing was started with the 2:30 class, for a purse of \$125. This was followed by the 2:19 class, purse \$200, the 2:29 class, purse \$175, and the special race for a \$100 purse.

MANY CATTLE SHOWN.

Fine Breeds on Exhibition at Caledonia
County Fair.

St. Johnsbury, Sept. 18.—The 61st annual Caledonia county fair opened yesterday three days' session yesterday with a large list of entries in all departments, particularly registered cattle. All the leading breeds are well represented, while such uncommon ones as shown as Brown Swiss by the Speedway Farms, Lyndon Center; French Canadian, by B. B. Morrill, Stanstead, P. Q.; Dutch Belts by F. R. Sanders, Bristol, N. H.

There are 600 entries in cattle from some of the best herds in New England and the province of Quebec, while among the Morgan horses is the stallion Rex from the Mountain View Farm at East Burke, owned by Elmer A. Darling of New York, which won the first prize at both the world's fairs at Buffalo and St. Louis.

Entries in the poultry department exceed all previous years, 50 couples of prize winners coming from Sherbrooke Monday night. The attractions include the usual vaudeville, and Chas. Taylor of White River Junction, the centenarian, who drove Billy Grant a half mile yesterday in 1:15 3/4.

The only racing even was the green race, purse \$100, which resulted thus:

Billmack, ch. g., Carr 1 1 1
Saddle B. b. m. 2 2 3
Helen, ch. m., Stanley 3 3 2
Time, 2:38 3/4, 2:30, 2:38 1/4.

COUNTY COURT
GOES TO FAIRAdjourns to View The Cattle and
Horses at Northfield—Tomas
Case Waits.

Montpelier, Sept. 18.—County court adjourned this morning to allow those who wished an opportunity to attend the Northfield fair.

The Tomas case was still on when court adjourned yesterday, and the defendant was on the stand nearly all day. He told of asking Miss Massucco to marry him in this country by the civil rites of his alleged refusal, and trouble between them and the separation later, which was by her wish, not his. Mr. Tomas gives all his testimony in Italian this time through the interpreter and the spectators lose much of the enjoyment of former trials, when as testified in English. He was subjected to a searching cross-examination by R. M. Harvey. The evidence is nearly all in and the case will probably go to the jury some time Thursday.

IN COLLISION WITH AUTO.

Judge Miles of Barton Has Narrow Es-
cape in Runaway.

Richford, Sept. 18.—Judge W. W. Miles of Barton, on the bench of the Vermont Superior court, had a thrilling escape here Monday. He with two others was riding to the Central Vermont railway station in the public omnibus when an automobile, either carelessly driven or beyond control, crashed into the horses and vehicle. The driver was thrown from his seat and run over by the wheels of his own rig, and the horse started to run away.

Judge Miles jumped from the runaway and was badly bruised and shaken up, but was able to continue on his trip to St. Albans. The horses were finally stopped and were only slightly injured. The automobile party quickly disappeared, and it was impossible to obtain any names, although it was ascertained that the machine bore a Massachusetts number.

FISHERMAN DROWNS.

Fishing Schooner Crashes Into Unknown
Vessel in Dark.

Gloucester, Mass., Sept. 18.—The fishing schooner Elmer Gray limped into this port today without a bowprit and top gear, and flying a mourning signal for the loss of one of her crew. Henry Goodwin, a Novascotian who was drowned when the schooner collided with an unknown sailing vessel early this morning. The boats crashed bow on and the fishermen in a panic lowered a dory, it captured, throwing four men in the water, three were rescued but Goodwin went down.

SOPHRONIA LAWRENCE
BURIED AT MIDDLESEXFuneral Held This Morning—Large At-
tendance of Relatives and Friends
—The Letter Miss Lawrence
Wrote Landry.

The funeral services of Miss Sophronia Lawrence, who died Monday afternoon at the home of Elson Spencer in South Barre as a result of drinking Paris green, were held at 10 o'clock this morning from the home of her father, Stillman Lawrence, in Middlesex. The Rev. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier officiated. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends. The pall bearers were brothers of the deceased. The burial was in the Cutler cemetery.

Miss Lawrence's Letter to Landry.

The following is a copy of the letter which the dead girl had written to her lover, Frank Landry, on Sunday night just before taking the fatal dose.

"Dear Frank: The time has come when I cannot live. My troubles are killing me, but I love you and always have since we were engaged to be married. I hope you may be happy in the future, but I never could be again, but I shall be beyond all when you get this. I have made you lots of trouble, but forgive me, Frank."

"Good-bye, good-bye, forever."

"Sophronia."

"These beads are just a token to remember me by."

A string of gold beads which the girl had been wearing were found near the letter.

EIGHTEEN BRANDS
WHISKEY CUT OUTMany Popular Drinks Sold in Barre
Saloons Fail to Stand Test
on Examination.

On a report received from the state laboratory at Burlington on samples of whiskey sold in licensed places in Barre, the license commissioners notified a portion of the licensees last night, and the balance today, that the sale of 18 brands offered the thirsty of Barre must be discontinued because they did not come up to standard. Twenty-five brands passed the examination.

BOY KEPT STEALING.

Incorrigible 13-Year-Old Sent to Ver-
genne's Today.

Montpelier, Sept. 18.—Carroll Doherty, the 13-year-old lad who was sentenced last week by Justice J. G. Wing to the State Industrial school at Vergennes for the remainder of his minority for stealing a purse containing \$8, the property of Mrs. R. M. Harvey, and who was later placed in charge of the probation officer under stringent restrictions, was taken to Vergennes this morning by Chief of Police Doherty to serve his sentence. He has been running away from school of late and has been up to his old tricks.

The high school boys, who practice evenings in the gymnasium, have of late been missing small sums of money from their clothes left in the dressing room. Last night a watch was set, and young Doherty was caught in the act of going through the pockets of several garments.

Probation Officer Thomas at once surrendered the incorrigible lad and his original sentence was ordered put into execution.

FIREMEN AT MONTPELIER.

State Convention Opened There This Af-
ternoon.

Montpelier, Sept. 17.—The convention of the State Firemen's association was opened here at 2 o'clock this afternoon by an address of welcome by the state president, H. O. Kent of this city. No tournament will be held this year on account of the inability of the officers to secure accommodations, and the business of the convention will consist of the reports of the officers and the annual election. This evening a reception will be given the visitors by the local firemen. There is a good-sized attendance of delegates.

NEWPORT STAGE HELD
UP, AND \$11 TAKENTwo Men Held Up Arthur Dupont in
Woods at Derby Early This Morn-
ing in True Western Style.

Newport, Sept. 18.—Arthur Dupont, driver of the Newport stage, was held up by two men in the woods in Derby at 5 o'clock this morning and relieved of \$11. The mail was not disturbed. The officers have no clue to the robbers.

BRIDE BUT RECENTLY ARRIVED.

Antonio Calacci and Miss Rosa Brusa
Married—Will Live at Hardwick.

Antonio Calacci of this city and Miss Rosa Brusa, who just recently arrived in this city from her home in Italy, were united in marriage at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the city clerk's office by James Mackay as justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Calacci will go to Hardwick to reside.

Electrical Convention.

St. Albans, Sept. 18.—The annual meeting of the Vermont Electrical association opened here today with 100 members present. A claim bake is being held at Bluff Point this afternoon. Business sessions will begin tomorrow.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Among arrivals at the City hotel
today are A. J. Gilbert, Woodstock;
Frank Niles, Vergennes; C. H. Crandall,
Burlington; F. H. Osborn, Burlington;
Fred Grant, Chelsea, Mass.; W. T. Don-
ovan, St. Albans; George C. Gilbert, Bos-
ton.

Yesterday's arrivals at the Northern hotel included Robert Laymore, South Regester; G. Miller Freese, Thetford, N. H.; H. B. Rivers, Sanctonville; W. H. Doyle, Providence, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cunningham, St. Albans; Edward Little, Granville; S. Ward, Hardwick.

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